



Baltimore Public School



Learning While Caring

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Principal's Message:

December is here and it looks like a busy month at Baltimore Public School. The students have begun organizing a food drive that will take place the first two weeks of December and will help to support area families through the holidays.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 13. There will be two shows that day, an afternoon performance at 12:15 to 1:15 and an evening performance at 6:30 until 7:30. The students and staff have been working hard rehearsing for their performances. A big thank you to everyone who has helped to support the students! Please encourage family members who want to see the performance to attend the afternoon show as there are normally a number of free seats during this time. With approximately 200 students at the school there are a lot of parents, grandparents, siblings, etc., and the gym can fill very quickly. We want everyone to enjoy the performance and spreading out attendance can help with this.

Information has been sent home about the ski trips for the Grade 4, 5 and 6 students, please watch for the packages or ask you child(ren) about them. There is a lot of paperwork that goes along with these trips so please ensure that you fill out everything.

I would like to wish everyone in our community a safe and happy holiday. I hope that everyone has an opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends, to reflect on the past year and look forward to the next.

All the best,
John Goheen



IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

December 3rd – 14th – Food Drive

December 5th – January Hot Lunch Forms Go Home

December 11th - Outdoor Ed Centre – Mrs. Kernan

December 12th – January Hot Lunch Orders DUE

December 12th – January MILK Forms go HOME

December 13th – Musical Afternoon Performance (12:15)

December 13th – Musical Evening Performance (6:30 pm)

December 19th – January MILK Forms DUE

December 21st – Ugly Christmas Sweater Spirit Day

December 21st – Last day of Classes

January 7th, 2019 – First Day Back, Happy New Year!

Baltimore is a Nut Safe School!

Please, no nut products in lunches or treats. Please, read product labels for even trace amounts.
THANK YOU!



Safe Arrival Program

At Baltimore Public School, the safety of our students is first and foremost. If your child is going to be ABSENT or LATE we ask that you call our new Student Absence Reporting System; 1-844-434-8119 or use the app downloaded to your Android or IOS device. We can accept absence/lates this way each school day.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Book Fair Update

We are very pleased to announce that our recent Scholastic Book Fair raised a total of **\$3221.15** This amounts to a school profit of **\$2096.98** that will be used to purchase books in order to replenish our library shelves. It is always reassuring to know that **our community support is second to none!** Our students are sure to enjoy all the new books you have helped to provide.

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS...

Baltimore PS Christmas Concert



The Kindergarten to Grade 6 students will be performing in a Christmas Concert on **Thursday, December 13**, see below for show times. We are encouraging families to attend the afternoon show when possible. Our gym can fill very quickly and encouraging family members to attend the afternoon show will help to prevent the gym from becoming overcrowded. We appreciate your help ensuring that everyone enjoys the performance.

Matinee Performance: Thursday, December 13 at 12:15 pm
Evening Performance: Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 pm.

Christmas Food Drive December 3rd to 14th!

Mr. Coyle's Grade 4 class are organizing a school wide Christmas Food Drive. Please send in non-perishable food items. The drive will start on Monday, December 3rd and end on Friday, December 14th. Our classes will collect, count and graph each classes' food items.



Gingerbread House Ticket Sales



Thanks to Mrs. Page, the **Gingerbread House Sales** are happening again this year. Tickets can be purchased at the office for \$1.00 each or 5 for \$2. The proceeds will go to the local **Northumberland Humane Society**. The winning ticket will be pulled and announced at the Christmas Concert on Dec. 13th. This year's creation will be on display in the office. Almost 20 kg of gingerbread and candy to be won by one of our students. Enjoy!!!

BRIEFLY NOTED...

HOT LUNCH

January orders will be available to do online between Dec. 5th and the 12th. PLEASE SEND IN FORM STILL IF YOU ARE PAYING ONLINE.

➤ MISSED HOT LUNCH

If a student misses hot lunch on the scheduled day, it is refrigerated and available to them the next school day to eat at one of the nutritional breaks, or take it home. If there is a sibling at school on hot lunch day, ask them to pick up and take it home.

➤ NO HOT LUNCH ON SNOW DAYS

IT WILL **NOT** BE RESCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT DAY. PARENTS CAN MAKE A NOTE ON THE NEXT MONTH ORDER FOR A SNOW DAY.

MILK PROGRAM

Milk forms go home on Dec. 12th and are due in on December 19th. Preferred method of payment is School Cash Online can also be paid by cash or cheque.



or

Keep milk money separate from the monthly hot lunch program. Hot lunch is handled by School Council, and Milk by the office. All Order Forms must be sent in.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Register Online at: kprdsb.schoolcashionline.com

Edge Imaging Photos

If you have not yet ordered your child's fall school photos from Edge Imaging, you still have time to get your order in before the holidays! Fall photo orders placed by phone at 1-888-416-3343 by Monday, December 10th or online at edgeimaging.ca by Sunday December 10th will have guaranteed delivery to home before the holidays.



Bus Safety Reminder

Here is some important information parents might like to review soon with their children. Think safety and respect. Use a polite, inside voice. Obey the bus driver. No rough or silly play is permitted. Sit in your assigned seat, facing forward or talking quietly with your side neighbour. Keep the aisle clear. Stay seated until the bus is completely stopped. Leave food and drinks in your backpack. Do not shout, hang or throw anything out an open window. Show care for the bus and other people's property. Did you know that the provisions of the current year, CODE OF CONDUCT, apply to bus travel to and from school and on out-of-classroom learning?

INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

Wondering if your child's school bus is running during bad weather?

- Visit the Student Transportation Services of Ontario website at www.stsco.ca and click on "Delay and Cancellation Information" at the top of the homepage.
- Listen to your favourite local radio station for bus cancellation
 - Classic Rock – 107.9 FM
 - MY FM – 93.3
- Voluntarily provided email address for direct email notices from STSCO by logging into the "Transportation Bus Lookup", at www.stsco.ca, with your child's OEN and Birthdate.



Please Remember...

- ❖ Schools normally stay open even when busses are cancelled
- ❖ If buses are cancelled in the morning, they won't run in the afternoon either
- ❖ If your child rides a school bus and it's cancelled, you don't need to call the school to report the absence
- ❖ If your child is a **walker** who does **not** ride a school bus, you still need to call the school if he/she is absent, even on an inclement weather day.



Proposed 2019-20 school year calendar

KPR is seeking comments from students, parents, guardians, staff and community members regarding the proposed school year calendar for 2019-20. Please review the proposed calendar and comment using the online survey available on the home page of www.kprschools.ca by Monday, December 10, 2018. The dates being proposed for Winter Break next year are Monday, December 23, 2019, to Friday, January 3, 2020. Last day of classes before the break would be Friday, December 20, 2019, with students returning to class Monday, January 6, 2020. First and last days of school, March Break and PA Days can all be viewed on the proposed calendar.

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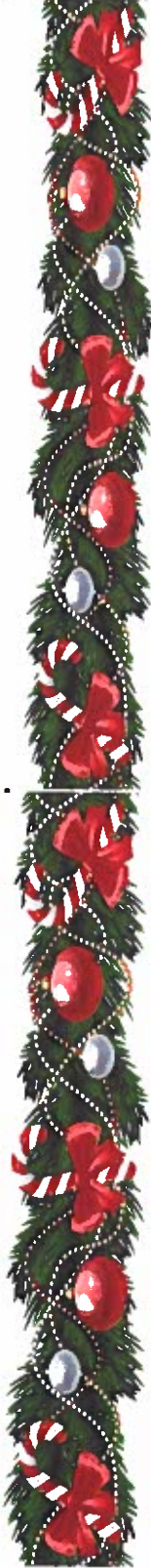
WATCH FOR NOTICES AND INFORMATION ON OUR EXTERIOR BULLETIN BOARD ON THE WALL BY THE KINDERGARTEN DOOR WHEN YOUR PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN



December 2018



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



	<p>3 Food Drive STARTS</p> <p>Hot Lunch-Wraps</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Hot Lunch Forms home</p> <p>Hot Lunch-BBQ</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pizza</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Hot Lunch-SnackPack</p>	<p>11 Mrs. Kernan, Outdoor Ed.</p>	<p>12 Hot Lunch DUE Milk forms Home</p> <p>Quesadilla Lunch</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Christmas Concert 12:15 pm & 6:30 pm</p>	<p>14 Food Drive ENDS</p> <p>Pizza</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Hot Lunch-MacnCheese</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 MILK forms DUE</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Pizza</p> <p>Ugly Christmas Sweater Spirit Day</p>	
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>H O</p>		<p>26</p> <p>L</p>	<p>27</p> <p>I</p>	<p>28</p> <p>DAYS</p>	
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>H O</p>		<p>L</p>	<p>I</p>	<p>DAYS</p> <p>Back to school Jan 7th, 2019!</p>	